



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6424**

LCO No. 1777

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF VOTING OR VOTING  
REGISTRATION TO CONSERVATORS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN  
INSTITUTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1        That the general statutes be amended to provide that if a resident of  
2        an institution, as defined in subsection (a) of section 9-159q of the  
3        general statutes, has had a conservator or guardian appointed to  
4        manage his or her affairs, pursuant to sections 45a-644 to 45a-663,  
5        inclusive, or sections 45a-668 to 45a-684, inclusive, of the general  
6        statutes, such conservator or guardian shall be notified, in writing, in  
7        advance of any voter registration or voting opportunity presented to  
8        his or her ward, including, but not limited to, the solicitation or  
9        completion of: (1) An application for admission as an elector; (2)  
10       absentee ballot application; (3) an absentee ballot, irrespective of  
11       whether supervised absentee ballot voting will take place at such  
12       institution, and given an opportunity to be present on such occasion.  
13       Such guardian or conservator shall also be notified, in writing, if the  
14       staff of the institution or any other person intends to bring the ward to

15 a polling place to cast his or her ballot in person, and given an  
16 opportunity to be present. Such notice shall also inform such  
17 conservator or guardian that the ward is entitled to register to vote and  
18 cast a ballot unless determined incompetent to do so by the Probate  
19 Court, or unless the registrars or their designees jointly conclude at a  
20 supervised voting session that the elector declines to vote the ballot or  
21 they are unable to determine how the elector wishes to cast his or her  
22 ballot, as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-159q of the general  
23 statutes. The notice shall also specify that an elector who requires  
24 assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read  
25 or write may receive assistance from a person of their choice in  
26 accordance with section 9-264 of the general statutes. Such notice and  
27 an opportunity to be present may also be provided to the next of kin or  
28 holder of a power of attorney for a resident of such an institution.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that the conservator or guardian of a resident of a nursing home or other health care institution be notified of voting or voting registration opportunities available to the resident of such home or institution.